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Indian Factories Act as seasonal factories, e.g., factories using no power but employing substantial number of workers; and

(b) whether any and what steps the Government have taken on the same?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether the answer given to clause (a) is correct? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether it is not a fact that the Royal Commission on Indian Labour has made definite recommendations suggesting to the local Governments that legislation should be passed on certain lines ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—" The Whitley Commission's report is under the consideration of the Government at present."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" I am asking, Sir, whether the Royal Commission has made any recommendations suggesting legislation to be undertaken by local Governments in this matter."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—" That answer is to the question whether the Government of India circularized to the local Governments."

Representation of the All-India Viswakarman Liberal Federation for official recognition.

* 433 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation that the All-India Viswakarman Liberal Federation may be recognized as the central organization for the promotion of the innate talent and welfare of the employees in the various private workshops where work in wood, ivory, stone, engineering, iron, steel, brass, bell-metal, copper, silver, gold and other metals is being carried on; and

(b) if so, what action they have taken thereon?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

General

Instructions by the Government to the district officers to treat the Congress organizations as enemies of the Government.

* 434 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether before or after the Gandhi-Irwin Pact, the Government issued instructions to any district officers to treat the Congress organizations as enemies of the Government, and if so, when and to whom and why?

A.—No.

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